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SUBJECT: BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER VISIT VENEZUELA

REF: (A) CARACAS 9846 (B) BRASILIA 691 (C) BRASILIA 1345

1. BRAZILIAN PRESS HAS FOCUSED ON UNEXPECTED MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT PEREZ AND FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA (REF A) AS EVIDENCE THAT RAPPROACHMENT HAS BEGUN BETWEEN VENEZUELA AND BRAZIL AFTER PERIOD OF UNCERTAIN RELATIONS. PRESS HAS ALSO SEIZED UPON SILVEIRA ADMISSION IN RESPONSE TO PRESS QUERY UPON HIS RETURN FROM UNGA CIA CARACAS THAT POSSIBILITY EXISTED THAT PRESIDENTS PEREZ AND GEISEL WOULD MEET. SILVEIRA CAUTIONED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO DISCUSSION OF DATES FOR A VISIT DURING HIS CONSULTATIONS IN CARACAS. SILVEIRA ALSO TOLD PRESS HE DISCUSSED CONCEPT OF AMAZON PACT WITH PEREZ AND THAT PEREZ SAID VENEZUELA WOULD PARTICIPATE IN PACT. SILVEIRA ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT VENEZUELAN ADHERENCE TO PACT MUST STILL BE FORMALIZED THROUGH RESPECTIVE FOREIGN MINISTRIES. SILVEIRA ALSO TOLD PRESS THAT VENEZUELAN HAD ACKNOWLEDGED TO THAT BRAZIL SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY, BUT THAT BOTH COUNTRIES HAD NO INTEREST IN DEVELOPING NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

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2. COMMENT: POTENTIAL VISITS TO VENEZUELA BY SILVEIRA (REF B) AND GEISEL (REF C) HAVE BEEN AT VARIOUS TIMES TOPICS OF SPECULATION IN BRAZILIAN PRESS OVER THE PAST YEAR. CAUTIOUS STATEMENT SILVEIRA MADE UPON RETURN HERE ABOUT PRESIDENTIAL VISIT MAY INDICATE THAT FOREIGN MINISTER HARBORS SOME DOUBTS ABOUT IMPLEMENTATION OF VISIT. DEPARTMENT MAY REMEMBER THAT BRAZILIAN DESPATCHED SPECIAL

PREPARATORY MISSION TO VENEZUELA EARLIER THIS YEAR FOR VISIT
BY SILVEIRA WHICH AS REF A POINTS OUT, DID NOT TAKE PLACE BECAUSE
OF SILVEIRA DISPLEASURE WITH PEREZ STATEMENTS ABOUT BRAZILIAN
NUCLEAR PROGRAM. SILVEIRA WAS OBVIOUSLY PLEASED BY
HIS MEETING WITH PEREZ. "JORNAL DE BRASIL" SAID HE HAD
EXPECTED A COLD RECEPTION IN CARACAS AND TO MEET ONLY WITH AN
UNDERSECRETARY OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.
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